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DANISH EMBOFF PRESENTED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT DATED MAY 15 TO

REGISTER CONCERN ABOUT RECENT HOUSE ACTION ON OIL IMPORT PREFERENCE BILL. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE:

"THE ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE BILL (H.R.8193) RECENTLY PASSED BY THE FULL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY THAT HOUSE'S MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE THE EFFECT OF WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD BE TO RESERVE A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF UNITED STATES IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE AWARE THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IN COMMON WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN FEBRUARY 1972 AT A TIME WHEN A PREVIOUS PROPOSAL INVOLVING THE RESERVATION OF A PROPORTION OF UNITED STATES OIL IMPORTS TO UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN CONGRESS.

"THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT FEELS GREAT CONCERN AT THE REVIVAL OF THESE PROPOSALS IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEY WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON DANISH SHIPPING AND FOR THIS REASON ALONE THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FEEL CONCERN. THERE ARE MOREOVER WIDER POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS TO WHICH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WISHES PARTICULARLY TO DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT TO BE THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT RESERVATION OF COMMERCIAL CARGOES, NO MATTER HOW ATTRACTIVE IN THE SHORT TERM, IS OF LONG TERM DETRIMENT TO THOSE PROTECTED AND TO THE ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENT CARRIAGE OF TRADE.

"THE DANISH GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THE WISH OF CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDER ITS FLAG, FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC REASONS, AN ADEQUATE TANKER FLEET. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN SHIPPING THE EXAMPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNCLASSIFIED

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OFTEN RAPIDLY FOLLOWED BY OTHERS, IN PARTICULAR BY COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOT TRADITIONAL SHIPOWNING NATIONS.

"THE EMBASSY OF DENMARK AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 15, 1974." RUSH

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